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CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

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WHAT IS IT?

Congenital syphilis occurs when a mother with untreated syphilis passes the infection to her baby during pregnancy. It can result in serious health complications for the baby if left untreated.



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SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

For Mom:

- Painless sore or ulcer at the site of infection (genitals, rectum, mouth)
- Rash on the palms of hands or soles of feet
- Fatigue/Headache/Fever
- Swollen lymph nodes

For Baby:

- Rash on palms or soles
- Fever
- Swollen liver or spleen
- Jaundice
- Deformed bones

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STI SCREENING

- Regular STI testing before and during pregnancy is highly recommended.
- Many signs and symptoms can go unnoticed, so regular STI screenings can be helpful for early diagnosis and treatment. This may prevent transmission to the baby and protect both mother and child.

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WHAT IT MEANS FOR MOM & BABY

- Congenital syphilis can have long-lasting effects on both the mother and the baby's health.
- Babies born to mothers with syphilis require immediate medical attention and follow-up care to monitor and treat any potential complications including check-ups, blood tests, and antibiotics



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ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Keep track of your own health by attending all prenatal appointments and discussing any concerns with your healthcare provider.
- Be proactive in asking about STI testing and treatment options before and during pregnancy.



To learn more about congenital syphilis and STI screenings, scan the QR code!

